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LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN HAMILTON SHINES ANTI LITTER PROGRAM

Mayor Claude Ramsey will visit five elementary schools next week who are participating in the Hamilton SHINES anti litter contest.

The contest is part of Mayor Ramsey's anti litter initiative which began in August. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for schools to reinforce good practices and personal responsibilities regarding litter. (See contest rules attached)

Twenty seven school teams have entered the contest and will present their entries during the week of March 27-31st.

Mayor Ramsey will visit these five schools this week:

- **Monday, March 27th – 10:00 am – Falling Water Elementary**
Coordination and promotion of "Majestic Mountains Cleanup"
- **Tuesday, March 28th – 2:00 pm – Snow Hill Elementary**
Original puppet show, "Puppets Promote a Litter Free World"
- **Wednesday, March 29th – 2:00 pm – Birchwood Elementary**
"Can the Trash" – Students create custom-painted trash cans
- **Thursday, March 30th – 2:00 pm - Big Ridge Elementary**
"Big Ridge Shines" – PowerPoint Presentation
- **Friday, March 31st – 9:00 am - Chattanooga School for Liberal Arts (CSLA)**
"Litter is Bitter" – Students recite original poems and songs

Schools who participate in the contest will receive a free GeoSafari talking globe for their classroom. One school will be chosen as the Grand Prize winner and will be treated to an all expense paid field trip to Fall Creek Falls.

For more information, call Gina Hatler at 209-6117.

The media are encouraged to attend.

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